

[HOUSE.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 6, 1865.—Ordered to be laid on the table and printed.

[Presented by Mr. HOLLIDAY.]

RESOLUTIONS

Adopted by Company "H," "I" and "K" Thirteenth Virginia Infantry, January 28, 1865.

At a meeting held by companies "H," "I" and "K," Thirteenth Virginia Regiment Infantry, Captain S. D. Buck was called to the chair, and G. M. Wolfe appointed Secretary. The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, We have heard with surprise and regret that a feeling of despondency has manifested itself in certain parts of our country; and whereas, we understand that the devotion and loyalty of the Army of Northern Virginia to the cause of our independence has been questioned; and whereas, the public enemy is encouraged and misled by these apparent signs of weakness, want of determination and firmness of purpose:

Be it Resolved as the opinion of these companies, That in the present aspect of affairs we see nothing to occasion gloom or despondency, but, on the contrary, we believe that the past four years of war have proved, beyond all doubt, the abilities of the slaveholding States to maintain and protect, against all enemies, the Government which they have established.

Resolved, That it is our firm and determined purpose to continue this war through all disaster and difficulties, cheerfully bearing every hardship and braving every danger until the independence of the Confederate States is recognised and acknowledged.

Resolved, That we ridicule, as absurd, the idea of reconstruction; for we believe re-union would subject us again to the government of that sectional majority which is confined to the abolition States, and which is alike a stranger to our institutions, feelings and habits of thought as a people, and foreign to our territory.

Resolved, That while we earnestly desire peace, we believe the present channel for diplomatic intercourse, as established by custom and law, are sufficient for all practicable purposes, and that when the Government of the United States is prepared to recognise our independence and right to govern ourselves, no difficulty will be experienced in the two nations communicating with each other.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to resist every attempt, whenever and wherever made, to repudiate the public debt; that we consider the resources of the country equal to its payment, and we earnestly entreat our friends and relations at home to give full faith and credit to our Government, and to lend it every possible aid and assistance.

Resolved, That we respectfully recommend to our comrades-inarms to renew, in this dark hour of the war, their pledges to their country, and their firm resolve, under Divine protection, never to submit to the Government of the United States.

Resolved, That in the great and good men, Generals R. E. Lee, J. E. Johnston and G. T. Beauregard, we recognise the highest military capacity, and in their ability and patriotism we have unbounded confidence.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be communicated to the troops from Frederick and Hampshire counties, in other commands, and that they be published in the Richmond Examiner.

SAMUEL D. BUCK, President.

G. MILLER WOLFE, Secretary.

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